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Senate

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Measures Introduced: One bill and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3716, and S. Res. 630.   **Page S8665**

Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 692, to improve hurricane preparedness by establishing the National Hurricane Research Initiative. (S. Rept. No. 112–266)
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Measures Passed:

Natural Gas Pipelines in Glacier National Park: Senate passed H.R. 4606, to authorize the issuance of right-of-way permits for natural gas pipelines in Glacier National Park.   **Page S8666**

Protect Our Kids Act: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6655, to establish a commission to develop a national strategy and recommendations for reducing fatalities resulting from child abuse and neglect, the bill was then referred to the Committee on Finance and then discharged from further consideration, and the bill was then passed.   **Pages S8666–67**

Taxable Vaccines: Senate passed S. 3716, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include vaccines against seasonal influenza within the definition of taxable vaccines.   **Page S8667**

26th and Final Deployment of the U.S.S. Enterprise: Senate agreed to S. Res. 630, congratulating the Navy and the current and former officers and crew of the U.S.S. Enterprise (CVN 65) on completion of the 26th and final deployment of the vessel.
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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, the Majority Leader be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.   **Page S8646**

Resignation of Senator Jim DeMint: Senator Jim DeMint, of South Carolina, submitted a letter of resignation from the United States Senate, effective January 1, 2013.   **Page S8666**

Presentation of Certificates of Election and Swearing-in of Elected Members-Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate convenes on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 12 noon, pursuant to the Constitution, following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing-in of elected Members, and the required live quorum.   **Page S8668**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Erica Lynn Groshen, of New York, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, for a term of four years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration.)
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Deborah Ann McCarthy, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Lithuania. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)
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Robert F. Godec, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Kenya. (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)   **Pages S8666, S8668**

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned at 5:07 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, January 3, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8668.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:1 resolution, H. Res. 845, was introduced.　　　**Page H7585**

Additional Cosponsors:　　　**Page H7585**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:
Fourth Semiannual Report on the Activity of the Committee on Financial Services for the 112th Congress (H. Rept. 112–742);
Legislative Review and Oversight Activities of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, One Hundred Twelfth Congress (H. Rept. 112–743);
Fourth Semiannual Report on the Activities of the Committee on Armed Services for the One Hundred Twelfth Congress (H. Rept. 112–744); and
Fourth Semiannual Report of Activities of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (H. Rept. 112–745).　　　**Page H7585**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Rivera to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.　　　**Page H7567**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.　　　**Page H5780**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from South Carolina, Mr. Scott, the whole number of the House is 431.
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Recess: The House recessed at 12:12 p.m. and reconvened at 12:35 p.m.　　　**Page H7580**

Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry Act of 2012: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3250, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs and to establish a Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence Registry, with amendments.
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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to provide for Debbie Smith grants for auditing sexual assault evidence backlogs, and for other purposes.".　　　**Page H7583**

Extending the Application of Certain Space Launch Liability Provisions Through 2014: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6586, to extend the application of certain space launch liability provisions through 2014.　　　**Pages H7584–85**

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, January 3rd.　　　**Page H7585**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 2013

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.